

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) An epitope-bearing portion of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4 for producing an antibody that binds to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein said epitope is at least 6 amino acids in length.

16. (Original) The epitope-bearing portion of claim 15, which comprises between 10 and 50 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4.

17. (Original) The epitope-bearing portion of claim 15, which comprises amino acids RQRYLYTDDAQQTEAH (SEQ ID NO:7).

18. (Original) The epitope-bearing portion of claim 15, which comprises amino acids HLPGNKSPHRDPAPR (SEQ ID NO:8).

Claims 19-22 (Cancelled)

Claims 23-59 (Cancelled)